



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2576

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Goal is to reduce pollutants entering State protect water resources (Taylor Creek/Lake Okeechobee Watershed Basin & Estuary -BMAP area); protect life, health, and the environment through resiliency water quality drainage improvements meeting permitting agencies regulations that includes contractual services of design, permitting, administration, bidding, project management & construction services for this financially disadvantaged municipality located in a Rural Area of Opportunity.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,000,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,000,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	1,000,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?



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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

The City received a total of \$2,912,965.00 in ARPA funds. The City is addressing stormwater infrastructure improvements and water quality projects associated with stormwater planned through 2026.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning
 Design
 Construction
 N/A

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

07/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/30/2026

12. List the owners of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owners of the facility and the entity.

City of Okeechobee is the owner and the entity.

13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	n/a	0
Other Salary and Benefits	n/a	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	n/a	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	n/a	0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Contractual services of engineering design, permitting, administration, bidding, project management and construction services for water quality stormwater improvements.	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,000,000

14. Program Performance

a. What specific purpose or goal will be achieved by the funds requested?



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b. What activities and services will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds?

Activities include seeking contractual engineering design, permitting, administration, bidding, project management and construction services for water quality stormwater improvements through the City's procurement policies and procedures.

c. What direct services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation project?

Direct services to citizens is improved life, health and safety with completion of storm water quality improvements that reduces pollutants to Taylor Creek, that directly flows to Lake Okeechobee

d. Who is the target population served by this project? How many individuals are expected to be served?

Target population is all those served by Lake Okeechobee and the community of Okeechobee, which is a Financial Disadvantaged Municipality (ch. 62-552, F.A.C.) located in a Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288.0656, Florida Statutes); Greater than 5,000 to be served.

e. What is the expected benefit or outcome of this project? What is the methodology by which this outcome will be measured?

Benefit is protection of general public, environment from harm, improved health, surface and groundwater quality, stormwater management and transportation; reduced flooding, less damage to buildings, property, infrastructure including roads, utilities, and services. Updated stormwater conveyance apparatus protects wildlife/Manatees & reduces pollutants entering critical State waters resources (Taylor Creek & Lake Okeechobee Watershed Basin & Estuary-BMAP). Completion of project is less pollutants of Nitrogen & Phosphorous, debris, trash, mineral oils, cigarette butts etc. from entering State waters; Lake Okeechobee BMAP 1/2020; Meets permitting agencies stormwater quality/quantity regulations; measuring subsequent water quality. Certification of project

f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for the contract?

Contractual milestones established throughout project, implementation of corrective action plan, non-payment of invoices until milestones completed

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization

b. Municipality and County

c. Organization Type

For Profit Entity

Non Profit 501(c)(3)



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- Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify)

d. First Name Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

Please complete the questions below for Water Projects only.

18. Have you applied for alternative state funding?

- Waste Water Revolving Loan
- Drinking Water Revolving Loan
- Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant
- Other (please specify)
- N/A

19. What is the population economic status?

- Financially Disadvantaged Community (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)
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- Rural Area of Economic Concern
- Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288.0656, Florida Statutes)
- N/A

20. What is the status of construction?

21. What percentage of the construction has been completed?



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22. What is the estimated completion date of construction?